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Hillebrand, and their co-workers, who have so industriously labored in their interesting field, and who have done so much to elucidate obscure points in the flora of the Pacific Coast. G. T.

§ 50. **Botanical Object Lessons.**—Wishing this spring to cultivate in a class of young boys a taste for the observation of nature, and having only ten minutes a day to spare, I had them bring such plants or parts of plants as they could, mostly specimens from the house areas or public squares, and gave them very little instruction till their discoveries called for it. I was surprised and delighted with the quickness of their observation when sharpened by a little encouragement. In general, nothing escaped them. One little fellow discovered the double serrature of a leaf, and another came rushing in at recess with a curiosity in the shape of a lilac leaf which had a slight tendency to be tri-lobed. I was very much interested in this instance, both because this slight irregularity had arrested his attention while at play, and because in some of the Oleaceæ the leaves are compound.

§ 51. **Postage on Plants.**—From the *United States Mail and Post Office Assistant, New York, February, 1873*, we extract the following: "The law fixes the rate for matter wholly or partly in writing, except book manuscript and corrected proofs passing between author and publisher, at three cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof, and the Postmaster-General has no discretion in the matter." According to this reading of the law, there must be no labels with the plants, and we have twice had to pay letter postage, because the words "Botanical Cuttings," or some equivalent phrase, had been written on the outside to explain the nature of the package. Upon our appealing to the Station-master, he stated that such was the present ruling in New York.

§ 52. **Arceuthobium in Sullivan Co.**—I enclose a few specimens of *Arceuthobium* just collected in the town of Forestburgh, Sullivan County. This is still outside the limits embraced by your Catalogue, but it is nearer than the other two known stations, and indicates a southern rather than a northern range. I looked for it in a recent trip in the Adirondack mountains, but in vain. Its occurrence here is in greater abundance than in Rensselaer County, but in a similar locality, viz., on small spruces (*Abies nigra*) in a sphagnum marsh.

Gilman Station, Sullivan Co., N. Y.,

CHAS. H. PECK.

Sept. 18th, 1873.

§ 53. **Errata.**—P. 24, l. 4 from bottom read Bumstead : p. 28, l. 22 from bottom read "choosing" : p. 31, l. 21 from top, for "species" read "pages" : p. 38, l. 19 from bottom, read "California." To the list of Dr. Torrey's publications should be added :

1837, *New Genera and Species of Plants.*

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